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Senator Agard Statement on the Life and Legacy of Ada Deer

MADISON – Late last night, we learned of the passing of Ada Deer, a remarkable advocate for Native American rights and a prominent leader both at the state and federal level. State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“I will forever remain inspired by Ada’s work and will always be grateful for the mentorship and friendship she provided me over the years. As a tireless advocate for the Menominee community and Indigenous rights, Ada was a true leader and an inspiration to many.

“Today, I will remember the incredible person Ada was and encouraged us all to be. Let us move forward honoring her work, striving to make our state and nation a better place for all. My thoughts are with Ada’s family and friends during this time and I join Wisconsinites mourning the loss of a true public servant.”

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Senator Melissa Agard was elected by her colleagues to serve as Senate Democratic Leader in November of 2022. Senator Agard represents the 16th Senate District, encompassing Sun Prairie, Cottage Grove, Monona, Fitchburg, McFarland, and parts of Madison.